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Fair and Warmer Tonight and Sunday; Lowest Temperature About 32 Degrees											
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HEAD OF NATION FOR PROHIBITION, SAYS METHODIST

President Urged War on Rum, Conference Is Told

HOT THRUST AT PENROSE

Pershing and Biddle Scored in Report for Allowing Soldiers to Touch Drink

President Wilson favors national and world-wide prohibition and welcomes agitation for wiping out the liquor traffic, according to the Rev. Dr. Clarence True Wilson, noted temperance leader, in an address today that followed adoption by the Philadelphia annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of a report censuring general Pershing and General Biddle for allowing soldiers to drink intoxicants.

"Our beloved President is with us," declared Doctor Wilson, who is corresponding secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals in the United States. "He told me that it was up to the people to sit up agitation against liquor and that it would not be regarded as unpatriotic or embarrassing to the Administration."

The address was hailed with delight by the 250 ministers attending the 131st annual meeting of the conference in the Simpson Memorial Church.

Slap at Penrose

A direct slap at Senator Penrose by the Rev. Dr. Frank B. Lynch was greeted with loud applause.

"The city," said the speaker, "is infested with saloons, bars, men, bloused-shirted gentlemen called politicians. They are more than ever now that the primaries are near. Be careful, brethren, of any man who bears the stamp of Penrose. The politicians are with us, but some of them are vile persons who would like to be returned to office."

The annual draft of ministers was addressed by Bishop Charles B. Mitchell, of St. Paul, Minn., who took part in the fight against Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, for his criticism of the administration.

There are some members of Congress, and especially one, whom I would like to see in the first-line trenches," he said. His hearers inferred that he meant the Wisconsin Senator. Indorsement of woman suffrage, a call for prohibition in State and nation, a vital economic measure, and condonation of "amazing" acts by General Pershing and General Biddle, allowing American soldiers in France and soldiers abroad to drink intoxicants were the high points in the annual report of the Temperance Society of the conference.

Spring Garden Church Wins

It was voted to hold the 1919 session in Spring Garden Street Church.

Pro-Germanism of brewers, pro-the-foodstuffs to make beer was denounced as an "insult to Americanism" by Doctor Wilson, who was the speaker of the day.

"It is not right to take the children's bread and cast it to the German bakers of the country," he declared.

The German bakers in America are wasting the nation's food and are browbeating the President and Congress in their effort to continue their poisonous business. We will never stop until the President protects our country against the poison of the Germans within it.

If the German bakers in Germany cannot turn food into poison it is an outrage to allow them to do it under the Stars and Stripes. That is just what the bakers are doing here. They are taking the food needed to sustain ourselves and our boys at home and in the trenches and converting it into poison. I say that this condition is an outrage and an insult to Americanism and it must be stopped.

President for Prohibition
"I heartily" in favor of world-wide prohibition, Dr. B. F. Penrose, president with stand behind us in fight against the liquor traffic. Can we ask more? Do we need more?

The President told me it was up to the people, and that agitation would not be considered unpatriotic or embarrassing.

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MOTHERS' DAY INCLUDES SOLDIERS THIS YEAR

Greetings to Be Exchanged Between "Boys Here and Over There" on May 12

Mothers' Day this year will be in reality a "Mothers and Soldiers" Day, according to plans announced by Miss Anna Jarvis, of this city, founder of the custom and president of the association which is promoting its international observance.

Her young children, old and young, started "Mother Day" by writing "Mother" a letter, sending her a word of greeting by telegram, or some other way, remembrances and bearing a white carnation in their honor.

But this year Miss Jarvis expects Mothers' Day, which will be observed May 12, to be marked by many changes. "This year," she says, "the boys and over there" and their mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers at home, Approval has been given the idea by General Pershing, who has said that nothing is a greater stimulant to the morale of the army than letters from home, Miss Jarvis feels assured that he, too, would like the plan.

Buried in Trench While at Work
Kenney Hickman, twenty-seven years old, of 118 Second Avenue, Camden, was buried in a trench today at Cape May when the sides of the excavation gave way. Hickman, fellow-employee of his brother, H. C. Hickman, was working aboard a train at Camden, where an ambulance was waiting. The injured man was taken to Cooper Hospital.

AMBULANCE TRUCKS FOR WAR USE
The two-ton auto trucks bound for Boston, Mass., from Pontiac, Mich., carrying supplies and automobile ambulance trucks for use abroad, passed through the city this afternoon.

They are the property of the General Motors Company, of Pontiac, Mich.

PHILADELPHIA GIRLS OFF TO SEE CAMP DIX SOLDIERS



Thirty "sisters" under several godmothers left this city today to visit the "big brothers" at Camp Dix. The visit is the result of an invitation extended by two West Philadelphia women, Mrs. Martha McGaw and Miss Belle Kinslow.

DEATH OF WIFE KILLS POLICEMAN

U. S. TO CONTROL COAL OUTPUT; STARTS APRIL 1

Succumbs to Heart Disease After Party Arranging for Her Burial

FOUND LIFELESS IN CHAIR

Regulations to End Cross-Hauling and Provide Zone Distribution

Washington, March 16.—Regulations for controlling the entire output of coal of America for the year beginning April 1 are to be announced at once by the fuel administration, it was learned today. Under the new regulations cross-hauling of coal is to be eliminated by designations of zones within which coal produced will be shipped in conferences between the fuel and transportation experts.

Consumers will be required to draw coal from their own zones. Production will be made more efficient, the arrangement being to start with the eastern states.

British aviators have downed 118 German war planes in day fighting since March 1, it was announced today. Of these, sixty-two were demolished in quality to be ignored under the new regulations. British directors will administer the new scheme.

Night fighting in the air continues. An immense amount of explosives have been dropped behind the enemy lines. In one instance what is believed to have been intended for a big German attack was broken up by British bombing planes. The enemy troops were completely shattered.

German forces were discovered marching early in the night in a certain village. British planes in a raid bombed the village from 8 p. m. until 2 p. m. The Germans were so badly disorganized that the attack never developed.

Daylight bombing also has been carried out. The airmen broker many records during the recent days of spring sunshine, which was interrupted by last night's rain.

On the battle line the situation continues to be as sombre as possible, but the starting gun, Artillery, especially near Cambrai, is rumbling at an increased pitch. There is also a quelling of camouflaging near Lille. Both sides keep up raiding activities at the rate of several a day.

What these things mean remains to be seen. Like the Talmud, the public must wait to see.

AMERICAN SHIP'S SHOT KILLS 1 ON U. S. DESTROYER

Three Others Wounded When Warcraft Is Mistaken for U-Boat

Washington, March 16.—One man was killed and three wounded aboard an American destroyer recently when the armed guard of an American liner steamed fire on the destroyer, mistaking it for a submarine.

A court of inquiry has been ordered by Admiral Sims to ascertain if the liner's action was unavoidable under the circumstances.

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Lieutenant Whitner was one of the American officers who accompanied a British raiding party in a flight far into Germany a month ago. A White Plains, Mo., lieutenant who accompanied that party, shot down a German machine.

Those that raid Lieutenant Whitner have attached to the French squadron as an observer. The details of how he was brought down have not yet been received. He is the first American observer lost.

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Airplane Motor Schools Bring It in Five-Mile Zone

Kansas City, Mo., March 16.—Kansas City may become saloonless in the near future, because of the fact that two automobile schools here signed contracts today with the Government to train airplane and motor mechanics, thus putting this city in the five-mile zone rule.

If the Federal ban on liquor goes into effect it will mean the abolition of saloons.

FIRE IN MARYLAND TOWN

Special Aides Sworn in to Take Away U. S. Prisoners

Eighteen Federal prisoners convicted of various offenses were taken from this city today to the State Prison at Trenton but not until after a lively hunt for men to serve as special deputy marshals. The men were taken to the rear of the Maryland State Penitentiary in Baltimore, Md., and housed in a building there.

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PRESIDENT SOON TO TELL WORLD OF WAR VIEWS

To Define Stand on Japan and German Activities in Near East

PEACE BY SWORD ONLY

Bitter Denunciation of Boche Hypocrisy and Plunder Campaign Expected

Washington, March 16.

A forceful war message to the world is expected from President Wilson soon. It was officially indicated today that the President was determined to end his silence in regard to America's position toward the proposed Japanese expedition into Siberia.

At the same time it was plainly declared that all talk of peace now is idle, in view of Germany's activities in the Near East and her ruthless invasion of Russia.

The United States and Japan are continuing to exchange views over Japanese intervention in Siberia, but the American position of opposition to the move is unchanged. It was learned officially, "This was the first time that Government had made any positive official statement on the Japanese problem since it became known that our views were against intervention. The Japanese News were not received.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE FRIENDLY

The exchange however is friendly, and it is assumed that Japan is presenting arguments to offset the American claims of lack of necessity and danger of a Russian uprising if Japanese troops land.

The fact that President Wilson now contemplates a statement on the Siberian situation is presumably due to the Japanese views, to the British official statements of support of intervention and to the Russian tendency to be suspicious of any Japanese move.

In light of the news that the President will clarify the confusion about the Japanese question, coupled with the fact that he has definitely set his foot down on peace talk, officials and diplomats here inclined to the belief that the President will definitely indicate that peace now must come by the sword, let the chips fall where they may.

A stronger attitude on the part of the American Government has been shown in its determination to seize neutral shipping needed to accomplish its ends.

Officials here have strongly indicated during the last week that this Government is concluded Count Czernin, Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, is dominated hopelessly by the German Juncker influence—as indicated by his demands upon Romania and his failure to respond to the President's last speech on basic peace principles.

GERMAN HYPOCRISY DENOUNCED

Bitter denunciation of German hypocrisy has followed the "peace words" of Von Bredow and the war rats of Von Hindenburg in relation to Russia and the neutrals and the rich territories and iron deposits of Central Europe.

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The strike is the biggest industrial strike Paterson has seen since the strike of 1913.

Weekly Weather Forecast

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